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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Keith Hendricks. (3) _____.

(2) Sam Blech, applicants' representative #32,082. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 28 August 2002.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: proposed claims.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 3.

Identification of prior art discussed: Nagata et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

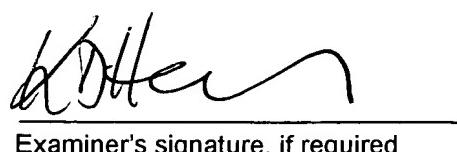
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The proposed amendments would appear to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, of record. Suggestion was made by the examiner to include a reference koji (seed) added to the raw material mixture, to define 'fermentation'. Mr. Blech pointed to the limitation of salt water content as producing an unexpected result (pg. 6,10 of specification). Amendments will be considered upon submission.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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